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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In the East, trade sentiment was no better than steady with prices lower; firm with higher prices in the West; mixed, but steady with mostly unchanged prices in the Midwest and South. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good with strongest movement for retail ads and fast food. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate with regular commitments usually sufficient. Boneless skinless breasts and leg quarters were in the best positions, supplies balanced to close. Wings were more than adequate and slow to clear, and the remaining items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights desirable to heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/03/03-03/07/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	56.00-58.00	57.33	15	58.19
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.49	44	57.69
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	60.24
Denver	68.50	68.43	17	67.40
Detroit	55.00	56.23	13	57.50
Los Angeles	69.00	67.42	62	65.51
New York	53.00-56.00	55.73	22	57.49
Philadelphia	54.50-57.00	55.64	11	55.93
Pittsburgh	55.00-57.00	55.91	11	60.42
St. Louis	55.00-55.50	55.00	20	55.98
San Francisco	69.50	68.64	29	71.31

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	03/03/03	Change/Last Wk	02/24/03	03/04/02
578	60.83	0.45	60.38	55.39

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	59.00-60.50	60.16	31
Central	56.00-62.00	59.83	63
West	59.00-66.00	63.21	49

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.50	63.640	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,133	53.00-67.00	62.14

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	168.00	1,393
BREASTS - B/S	152.50	5,143
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,194
THIGH MEAT - B/S	58.50	921
LEG QUARTERS	21.50	9,656
WINGS	71.00	3,447

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was cautious and selective as dealers assessed the market entering the week. Offerings were at least adequate to available for most immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were closely cleared. However, bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Leg quarters ranged adequate to balanced. Wings were fully sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best for ads, fast food promotions, and where first of the month business was active. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good, best for retail ads and for further processing needs. Breast items were in good balance to close for boneless skinless, dark meat was available, and wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent higher than last Monday's levels. Offerings were tight to fully adequate with smaller sized items in the closest position. Buying interest was moderate. Retailer demand was fairly good overall due to first-of-the-month needs. Dealers reported weekend carryovers as close where late deliveries adversely effected inventories otherwise moderate. Trading reported on parts for delivery this week: drumstick 27-31, leg quarters 4/10s mainly 25.5 and bulk mainly 22.5, boneless leg meat 65-68, bone-in breast 96-103 and boneless 145-150. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .75 to 60.36 with the volume reported down 3 percent to 31 loads compared to last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices in Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's finals. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offerings were limited for the light trade interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with best interest into features. Floor stocks were adequate and balanced. Weights were mostly desirable instances heavy. Trading on parts was light and spotty as regular commitments satisfy most needs. The trade sentiment was barely steady on wings, fully steady on leg quarters and boneless skinless breast and steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly following the weekend but generally was no better than fair. Offerings ranged adequate to ample for current trade needs. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Boneless skinless breasts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Leg items were adequate. Bone-in breasts and wings were available and slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	45-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.20
NO. OF BOXES	9,863

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and selective entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were in close balance. However, bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to available, although, leg quarters were in a better balance. Wings were fully sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on boneless-skinless breasts and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
NEGOTIATED TRADING	AVG	LBS	
BREAST - B/S	150-155	145.32	441,640
TENDERLOINS	110-115	115.82	81,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	87.16	121,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	81.37	84,280
LEGS	31-32	33.53	150,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.99	411,668
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	28.85	120,770
THIGHS	21-22	29.02	51,690
B/S THIGHS	62-63	67.45	93,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	72.52	156,500
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.22	36,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.66	17,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.40	27,560

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	936	130.00-168.00	131-146	149.03
TENDERLOINS	1,483	126.00-173.00	126-128	129.33
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	860	67.00-79.00	-	70.47
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	604	18.00-19.00	18	18.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,221	19.00-21.00	121	20.88
WINGS (WHOLE)	578	40.00-78.00	63	62.90
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,400	17.00-21.00	17-18	17.97

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/03	02/27	02/27	02/24	02/20
ALA	3,932	3,605	5.10	3,689	5.15
ARK	5,289	4,857	5.04	4,732	4.88
DELMARVA	2,283	2,314	5.14	2,331	5.18
KY-LA-TN	1,918	1,902	5.02	1,875	4.98
MISS	2,937	2,828	5.27	2,910	5.31
NC	2,455	2,482	5.98	2,533	5.88
TEXAS	2,449	2,439	4.90	2,062	5.00
TOTAL	21,263	20,427	5.19	20,132	5.17
MON	21,263(A)			20,132(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Mar 2003 is estimated to be 31,811,000 up 5.30 percent from a week ago and up 2.24 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,210,000 last year 31,115,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
BREAST - B/S	856	129.00-235.00	134-140	150.22
TENDERLOINS	158	125.00-172.00	-	151.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	112	84.00-88.00	84-86	86.75
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	28.00-35.00	28-29	28.71
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	630	17.00-21.00	18-19	18.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,138	19.00-26.00	21-23	21.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	57.00-73.00	-	70.82
WINGS (CUT)	385	75.00-84.00	81-83	81.55
DRUMSTICKS	69	35.00-44.00	-	36.17
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR MAR 03, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.50 - 50.00	48.60	47.75

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF MAR-03-07, 2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	128.00 - 155.00	140.00 - 146.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	85.00 - 101.50	85.00 - 90.00
LEGS	20.00 - 39.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 28.00	19.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	21.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	55.00 - 78.00	69.00 - 71.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-66
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	96-99
HENS OVER 5#	104-105
DUCKS	113
	91-98
	152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

28-FEB-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.25-16.00	14.50-15.75	856,950	634,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.56	14.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.20-14.00	10.50-14.50	1,3530,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.38	12.71		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

28-FEB-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.00	60,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-17.00	10.50-16.00	1,855,600	612,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.27	12.45		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the fully sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 03-MAR-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	8-8.5	8.10
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Pricing was generally unchanged from the past week. Interest for spent heavy hens was moderate. Offerings were reduced but at least adequate for needs. Schedules were shortened with finished sales fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-MAR-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10	7.75-8.5	8.25

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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